GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TEA MARKET CONTROL ORDER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to withdraw the Tea Market (Control) Order, 1984;

(b) if so, whether this decision has been welcomed by the Indian Tea Association;

(c) if so, the relief that the Indian tea industry gets from the withdrawal of order; and

(d) the extent to which it is likely to give boost to the Indian tea industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (d) : No, Sir. Government has not decided to withdraw the Tea Marketing (Control) Order, 1984. However, Clause 17 of the Tea Marketing (Control) Order which stipulated compulsory sale of 75% of tea produced by registered manufacturers in the State of Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala through public tea auctions has since been amended. The producers are now free to sell any percentage of tea manufactured in a year through public tea auctions. The amendment has come into effect from 12.1.2001. This has enabled the Indian tea producers to sell their produce through any available channel and get relief from the depressed prices at the auctions particularly in South India. Indian Tea Association and United Planter`s Association of South India have welcomed the decision of the Government.